MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Montpelier of Moore's Plains Survey No.: P.G.:79-2 (PACS A112)

Property Address 1714 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County Owner Name/Address Anna Rogers / P.O. Box 1268, Landover, Maryland 20785
Year Built circa 1850, remodeled 1947 + 19605

Description:

Montpelier of Moore's Plains was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1987. There has been no alteration to the main house or garage since the time of the prior survey. The inventory form mentions several twentieth century barns to the north, south and east of the house. These buildings include six barns, a stable, a springhouse, a shed and a tenant house.

The main house is approached by a dirt lane running east toward the house. The lane passes to the south of the pond before reaching the house. In front of the house, at the base of a wooded hill, upon which the house sits, the lane splits. The north lane passes the house on its way to the garage. The south lane provides access to four of the barns, the springhouse, shed, stable and tenant house. The springhouse is located directly south of the house and is banked into the hillside of the house site. The springhouse is of brick construction with a front-gable roof and a small wooden door on the south elevation. The shed and two barns are located just south of the springhouse. The shed is 3-bays wide with a side-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles with a wood cupola. The exterior has wood German siding, a central entry consisting of a wood door and two 6/6 double-hung windows. The two barns clustered with this outbuilding have gable-roofs sheathed with standing-seam metal and vertical wood siding on the exterior walls. A distant barn to the south is of similar construction style and materials.

The lane continues east past the springhouse and the cluster of barns. On the north side of the lane is a gambrel roof barn and a stable. The barn is of concrete block and wood-frame construction with a metal covered roof. The stable has a side-gable roof, vertical wood siding and open bays on the south side. The tenant house is a 1-story, side-gable cottage with a full-width front-porch and a central brick chimney. To the north of the house, and accessed from Crain Highway, are two additional barns. These barns are similar in design and materials to the cluster of barns to the south of the house.

National Register Evaluation:

Montpelier of Moore's Plains is not eligible for the National Register. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as the house has been substantially altered by several major alterations during the 1940s and 1960s. The remodeling campaigns have completely disguised the original form and materials. The house has been sided with a brick veneer, the porches were added, the cornice added and the kitchen wing removed and replaced. On the interior, the original mantels were removed in the 1960s, the stair hall was reconstructed to replicate the one in Beechwood (PG:79-60) and plaster modillions were added to the ceiling of the main rooms of the first story. Based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

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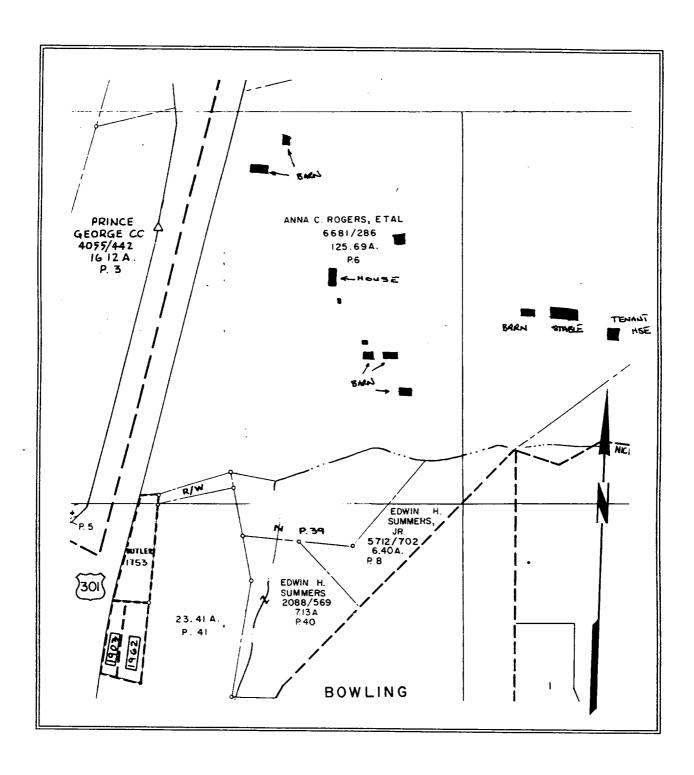
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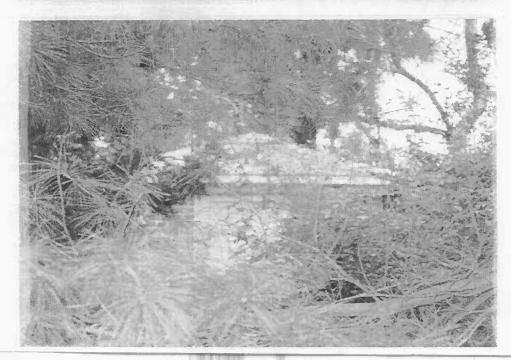


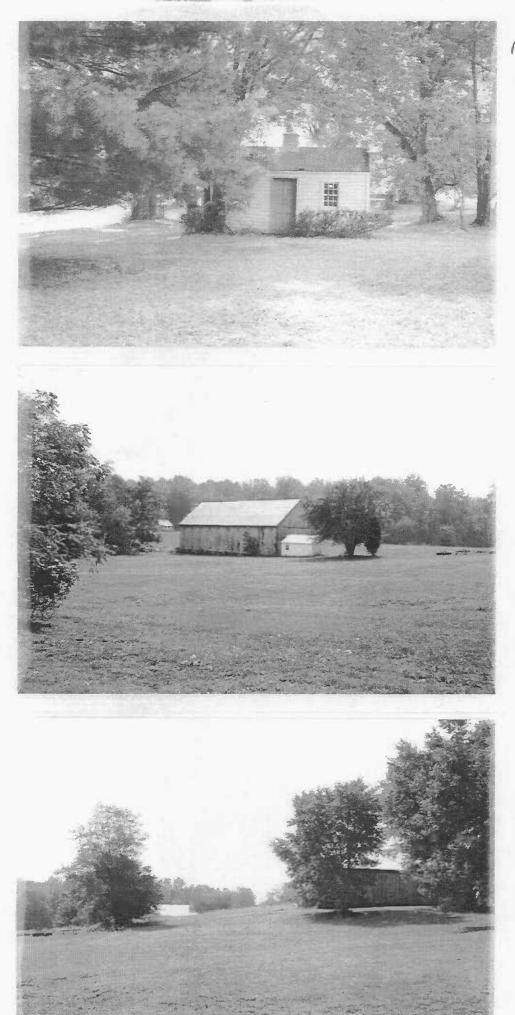






















PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-2 Building Date: ca. 1850, 1947

Building Name: Montpelier of Moore's Plains

Location: 1714 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

Montpelier of Moore's Plains is a two-part building which stands on a wooded knoll in rolling farmland near the Patuxent River; its nucleus is a square frame mid-nineteenth century dwelling which was renovated, expanded, and faced with brick approximately a century later. The main block of the house is two and one half stories high with hip roof; it is three bays by two bays, and roughly square. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal west facade through a double door; it is flanked by two long 6/6 windows over molded panels. Sheltering the principal west facade is a one-story flat-roof brick porch with full entablature supported by fluted wooden columns of the Ionic order. Windows are generally 6/6 double hung sash, and have narrow molded surrounds and beige louvered The brick work of the veneer is laid in common bond; there is a molded water table all around the building. The cornice of the main block is boxed with crown molding, and is highlighted by molded modillions all around. All trim is painted beige. Extending to the south from the main block and inset on both the east and west is a two-story three-bay-by-onebay hip-roof kitchen wing. Decorative details of the main block are repeated in this wing, except that the cornice does not have modillions.

Significance

Montpelier of Moore's Plains is a unusual example of a mid nineteenth century frame plantation house substantially altered and converted into a fine twentieth century dwelling with Colonial Revival decorative elements. It is distinguished by its prominent setting on landscaped grounds. The nucleus of the house is a mid-nineteenth century frame farmhouse, built by Stephen Belt on part of the tract known as Moore's Plains. In 1868, Belt sold his house and land to Thomas Clagett of Weston. Clagett, in turn, presented it to his daughter, Sarah, who in 1870 married Dr. Edgar Wood. It remained the home of Sally Clagett Wood until 1888. In 1947, the Wood Farm became the home of Dr. A. Keene Bowie, son of Effie Gwynn Bowie of Beechwood, the adjoining part of Moore's Plains. Dr. Keene Bowie undertook the complete renovation and rebuilding of the Wood farmhouse, as well as the landscaping of the grounds. The appearance of the house was drastically changed by the addition of brick veneer, modellioned cornice, and Ionic portico; the result is a very handsome dwelling with Colonial Revival elements completely disguising its original form.

Acreage: 154.9 acres

Maryland Historical Trust — State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Montpelier of Moore's Plains is a two-part two-and-one-half story building which stands on a wooded knoll in rolling farmland near the Patuxent River; its nucleus is a square frame mid-nineteenth century dwelling which was renovated, expanded, and faced with brick approximately a century later. It is distinguished by its handsome Colonial Revival cornice and porch detail, and its setting on landscaped grounds.

The main block of the house is two and one half stories high with hip roof; it is three bays by two bays, and roughly square. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal west facade through a double door; each leaf has three molded panels. Above the door is a tall three-pane transom; there are no sidelights. There is a flat arch in the brickwork of the veneer above the door. The central entrance is flanked by two long 6/6 windows over molded panels which open into the west porch. Each of these windows has full-length louvered shutters painted beige, and is surmounted by a flat arch.

Sheltering the principal west facade is a one-story flat-roof high brick porch. The porch has a full entablature supported by fluted wooden columns of the Ionic order. All trim is painted beige. There is a secondary entrance in the first bay of the two-bay north facade, through a sixpanel door with a four-pane transom and four-pane sidelights over wainscot panels. The entrance is surmounted by a flat arch. Sheltering this side entrance is a spacious entry porch approached by a flight of brick steps. The flat roof of this porch is bounded by an iron railing which creates a deck at second story level. Square panelled posts and panelled pilasters support a full entablature.

Windows are generally 6/6 double hung sash, and have narrow molded surrounds and beige louvered shutters. The brick work of the veneer is laid in common bond; there is a molded water table all around the building. The hip roof is covered with gray asbestos shingles. The cornice of the main block is boxed with crown molding, and is highlighted by molded modillions all around. All trim is painted beige. Corbelled brick interior chimneys rise from the east and from the west plane of the hip roof, between the central and the northmost bays of the main block. There is a shed dormer in each of the north and south planes of the roof. Each dormer encloses three side-by-side 4/4 double hung sash windows; the dormers are sided with grey shingles. There is a basement under the entire building.

Extending to the south from the main block and inset on both the east and west is a two-story three-bay-by-one-bay hip-roof kitchen wing. Decorative details of the main block are repeated in this wing, except that

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Description (continued)

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the cornice does not have modillions. There is an entrance to the wing in the third bay of the east facade; there is no chimney. This wing was built in the 1940's to replace an earlier kitchen wing.

The interior of the main block consists of four nearly-equal spaces, with the stairhall taking up the southwest space. The principal double door leads into this stairhall. The stair rises along the east wall of this space, then turns 90° and continues along the south wall to a second-story stairhall space. The open-string staircase has a foliated newel with elaborate acanthus leaf carving, turned balusters and bracketed stair ends. Surrounds of doors and windows consist of wide pedimented classical architraves which repeated the design of the original wooden mantels. These mantels were removed in the 1960's and replaced by antique wooden mantels of the Federal style, with applied decorative panels. At the same time, a molded plaster cornice was built into the dining room (southeast space) and plaster medallions installed in all rooms.

A short distance northeast of the house is a modern two-story hip-roof brick garage. This garage has three car bays, 6/6 windows with beige louvered shutters at the second story, and a molded cornice, repeating many elements of the dwelling house. The house is located on the top of a wooded knoll. A circle drive lined with evergreens leads to a steep flight of brick steps which rise to the west entrance of the house. There is a planting of boxwood north of the house. In front of (west) of the knoll is a landscaped pond, created by the owner in the 1940's.

There are several twentieth century barns to the north, east and south of the house, and the knoll is surrounded by cultivated fields.

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Significance

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The nucleus of the house is a mid-nineteenth century frame farmhouse, built by Stephen Belt on part of the tract known as Moore's Plains. In 1868, Belt sold his house and 397 acres of land to Thomas Clagett VI of Weston. Clagett, in turn, presented it to his daughter, Sarah, who in 1870 married Dr. Edgar Wood. Thomas Clagett died in 1873, and devised to his daughter the property on which she then resided. This land included not only the farm house and outbuildings, but also a store building, wheelwright and blacksmith shops and tenant house. It remained the home of Sally Clagett Wood until after the death of her husband, when she lost the farm through default in mortgage payments. At that time, 1888, the property was described as "part of Moore's Plains, 396 acres more or less, improvements consist of a Double Frame Dwelling and the usual outbuildings, tobacco barn, tenant houses, etc., in the Forest of Prince George's County, convenient to railroads, churches and schools."4

After 1911, the Wood Farm became the home of Ulysses Wise; he sold it in 1947 to Dr. A. Keene Bowie, son and brother of Effie Gwynn Bowie and Andrew Gwynn Bowie who resided at Beechwood, the adjoining part of Moore's Plains to the west (cf. #79-60).

Dr. Keene Bowie undertook the complete renovation and rebuilding of the Wood farmhouse, as well as the landscaping of the grounds. The appearance of the house was drastically changed by the application of brick veneer over the wood siding, although the plan of the house was apparently left essentially intact. A modillioned cornice, and a facade-wide porch with fluted Ionic columns changed the frame farmhouse into a prominent

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example of Colonial Revival architecture. The old kitchen wing was replaced by a new hip-roof kitchen wing to the south. The stairhall was rebuilt, and a new two-run staircase installed, probably in imitation of the formal entry-stairhall at Beechwood. Finally, Dr. Bowie landscaped the grounds and created a farm pond at the foot of the knoll. The present owner has further renovated the interior with the installation of fine antique mantels and trim. The result is a very handsome dwelling with Colonial Revival decorative elements completely disguising its original form. The house and grounds form a prominent landmark on the road north of Upper Marlboro.

Notes

- Prince George's County Deeds HB #1:342
- Prince George's County Will WAJ Jr. #1:14
- 3 cf. Prince George'e County Deed WAJ #1:560
- 4 Prince George's County Deeds JWB #9:431; JWB #26:524; Prince George's Equity #1957.
- 5 Prince George's County Deed #927:33
- 6 Interview with present owner, March 1987. Prince George's County Deed #2703:94.

Major Bibliographical References

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- cf. Chain of title
- cf. Notes, Item #8

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The house was built for Stephen Belt, successful planter and a member of one of southern Maryland's earliest and most prominent families. It later belonged to Clagetts, Woods, and Bowies. Its location and large size make it a local landmark.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on the top of a hill, Montpelier on Moores Plains is approached by a logarden stairway. There is a large pond near the lane that leads from Crain Highway. It is nearly opposite Leeland Road. The house is a large, nearly square, three bay, two story brick house with a wing on the south side. The main block has two interior chimneys near the center of the hip roof. There is one small dormer on the north slope of the roof. The cornice is boxed and has brackets. There are porches at the doorways on the north and west sides. The six panel doors have transoms and sidelights. The five bay, two story wing has a ridge roof with clipped gable.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

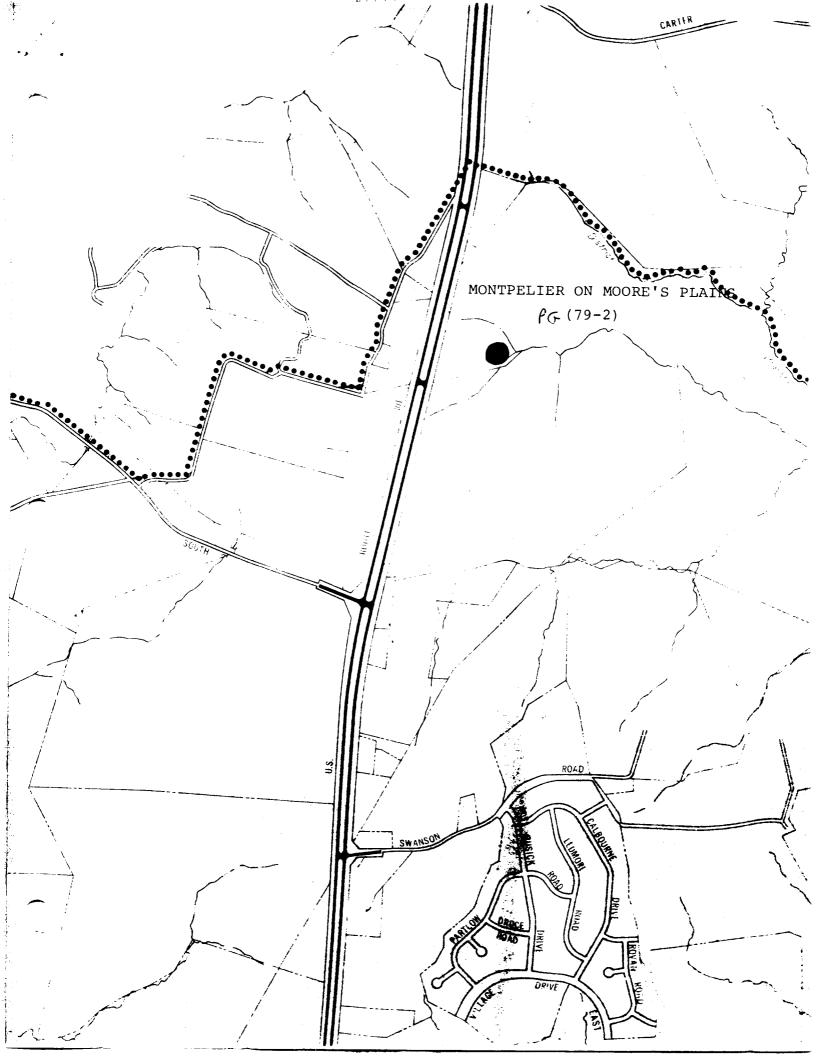
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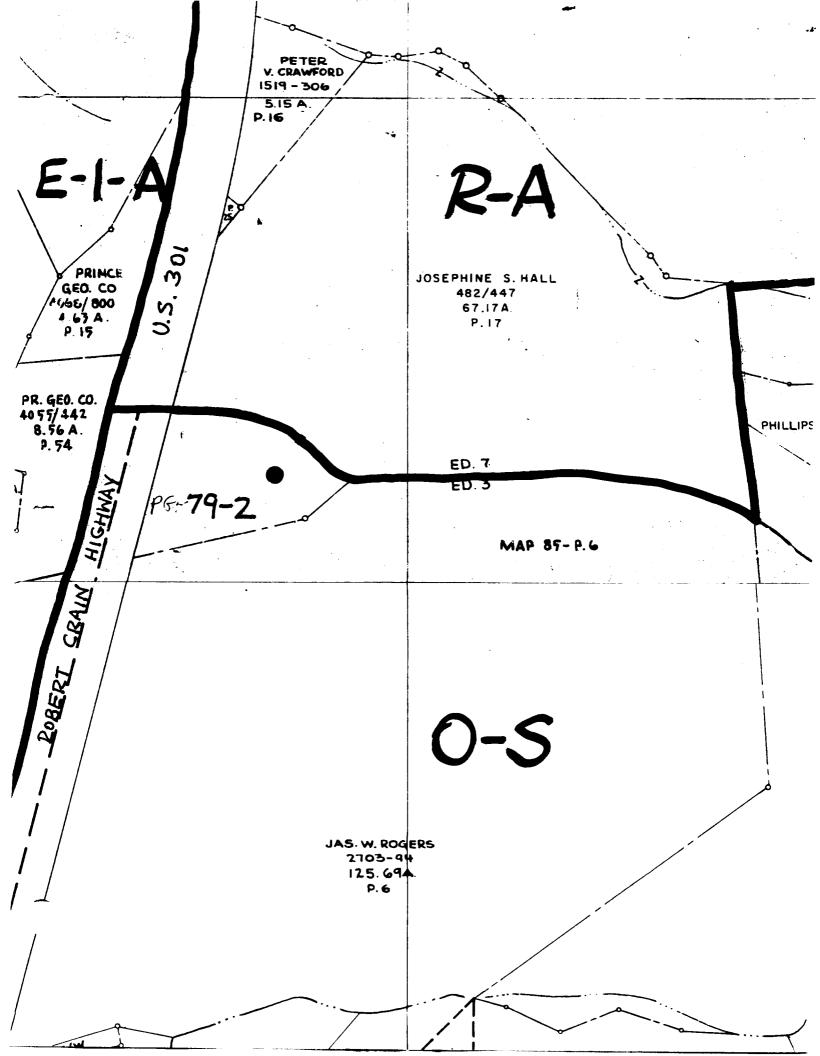
To the south is a two story, two bay brick wing. It has 6/6 double hung sash windows and a low hipped roof. There are two chimneys, positioned on the center axis of the house.

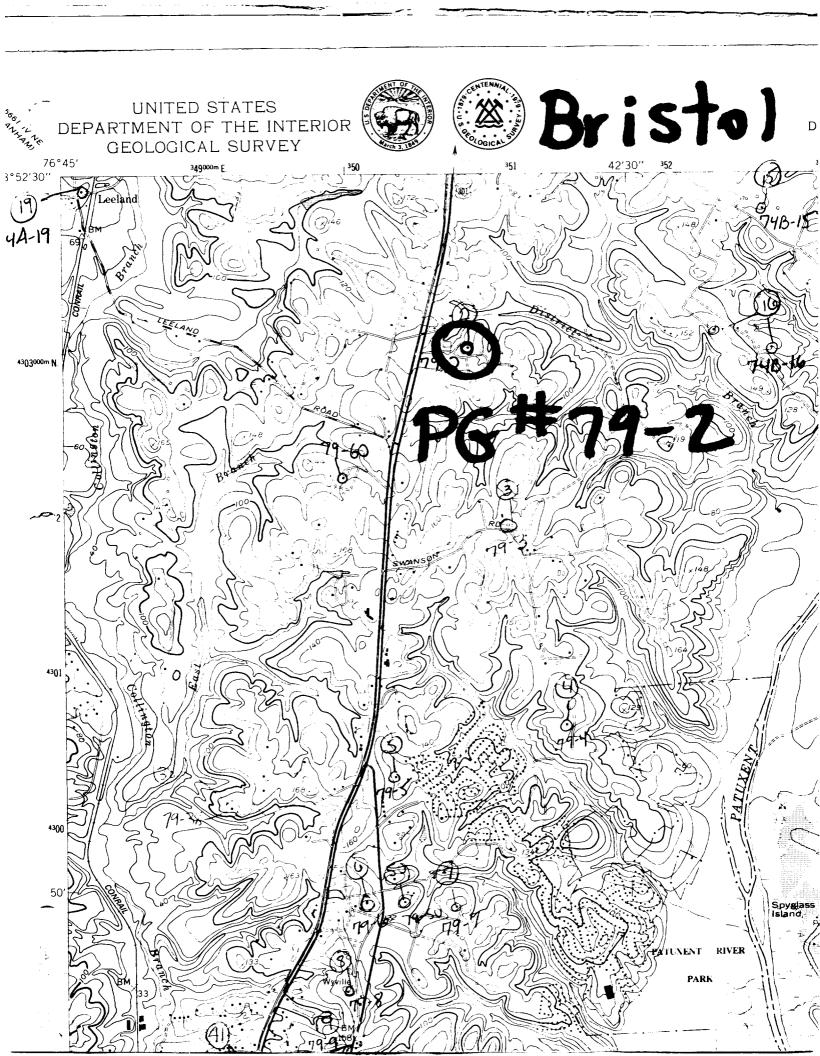
The house has a four room plan with the entrance hall in the southwest room. Fireplaces are positioned along the interior partition wall.

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